

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-27 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-6, 11-13, 21-25, and 27 are amended. Claims 7, 17, and 26 are cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Applicant graciously acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7, 17, and 26 if they were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has incorporated claims 7, 17, and 26 into respective independent claims 1, 11, and 21. Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 should now be allowable.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-16, 18-25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (US 2002/0131379) in view of Burke et al. (US 5,793,772). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, and requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following arguments.

As mentioned above, Applicant submits that claims 1, 11, and 21 should now be allowable based on incorporation of the allowable subject matter of, respectively, claims 7, 17, and 26. Claims 3-6, 8-10, 12-16, 18-20, 22-25, and 27 depend on, respectively, independent claims 1, 11, and 21 and should also be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

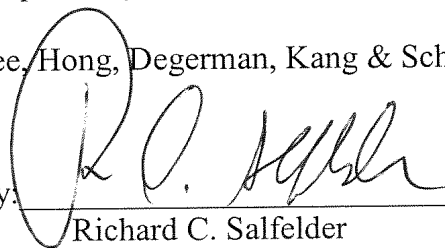
In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the present Amendment places all claims of the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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